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Chief, Operations School

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Deputy for Training

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Status of Ops Planning and Management Course

1. Because the ORM has not been conducted since its initial running because of lack of students, we have paid little attention to either its further development or to the consequences should we be forced to schedule one in the next six months. Undoubtedly, we have been proceeding under the assumption that we will get no applicants for this program.

2. However, the catalog of courses for 1961 does indicate that an ORM is to be conducted on 8 May and another on 27 November. Further, we have a number of students in OFC #21 presently underway, who are expecting to be enrolled in the 8 May course and are asking whether we could arrange for them to spend the two-week break on the Base. The latter request is the least of our difficulties. The cold facts are that we are in no position to even entertain the conduct of an ORM according to the proposed schedule. As you well know, by 8 May we will be at least one additional instructor short and we are in the live problems with the OC. We realize that it may be difficult for [redacted] sell the DDP/Training Officer at this late date and it appears that our best hope is that there will be too few students to make it worthwhile.

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3. We would appreciate a quick consideration of the problem in order to answer the student queries before the OFC continues much further.

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